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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
 (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>04P535WO-FRK</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. <b>PCT/JP2004/004790</b>	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>01.04.2004</b>	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) <b>04.04.2003</b>	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC      			
Applicant <b>ASICS CORPORATION</b>			

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of **6** sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
- a.  (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of **6** sheets, as follows:
- sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
- sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.
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4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I    | Basis of the report   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. II   | Priority  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III  | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VI   | Certain documents cited   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VII  | Certain defects in the international application  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application   |

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## Box No. I

## Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
  - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
  - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished  
 the description:

pages 1,5-11 as originally filed/furnished

pages\* 2-4/1 received by this Authority on 01.02.2005

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- the claims:

nos. 1-8 as originally filed/furnished

nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.\* 9-12 received by this Authority on 01.02.2005

nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

- the drawings:

sheets fig. 1-6 as originally filed/furnished

sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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## Box No. III

## Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application

claims Nos. 9-12

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

the claims, or said claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 9-12

the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

has not been furnished

does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

has not been furnished

does not comply with the standard

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

See Supplemental Box for further details.

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1 - 8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1 - 8</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1 - 8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2000-90272 A (Hitachi Zosen Corp.; Hitachi Zosen Joho System Kabushiki Kaisha), 31 March 2000

Document 2: JP 2001-104005 A (Asics Corp.), 17 April 2001

Document 3: JP 2002-172104 A (Hee Man LEE; Yonjin KIM), 18 June 2002

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1 and 2 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 (paragraphs [0011] and [0017]) and document 2 (paragraphs [0015] to [0017]) cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of measuring the sets of two-dimensional data that are disclosed in document 1 by means of the measurement method that is taught in document 2; furthermore, the technical feature of obtaining two-dimensional cross section data from three-dimensional data was well known prior to the priority date of the present application (for example, refer to the documents JP 2001-184373 A and JP 2000-182080 A).

The invention that is set forth in claim 3 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2 (paragraphs [0013] to [0017]). It would be

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easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of measuring the sets of two-dimensional data and the sets of three-dimensional data that are disclosed in document 1 by means of the measurement method that is taught in document 2; furthermore, the technical feature of obtaining two-dimensional cross section data from three-dimensional data was well known prior to the priority date of the present application (for example, refer to the documents JP 2001-184373 A and JP 2000-182080 A).

The invention that is set forth in claim 4 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, document 2 and document 3 (paragraph [0030]) cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of configuring so that the measuring instrument which is disclosed in document 1 is capable of measuring the angle between the big toe of a foot and the centerline of the foot, as taught in document 3.

The inventions that are set forth in claims 5 and 6 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2 (paragraphs [0013] to [0017]). It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of measuring the sets of two-dimensional data and the sets of three-dimensional data that are disclosed in document 1 by means of the measurement method that is taught in document 2; furthermore, the technical feature of obtaining two-dimensional cross section data from three-dimensional data was well known prior to the priority date of the present application (for example, refer to the documents JP 2001-184373 A and JP 2000-182080 A).

The invention that is set forth in claim 7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1,

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**Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

document 2 and document 3 (paragraph [0030]) cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of configuring so that the measuring instrument which is disclosed in document 1 is capable of measuring the angle between the big toe of a foot and the centerline of the foot, as taught in document 3.

The invention that is set forth in claim 8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2 (paragraphs [0015] to [0017]). It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of measuring the sets of two-dimensional data that are disclosed in document 1 by means of the measurement method that is taught in document 2; furthermore, the technical feature of obtaining two-dimensional cross section data from three-dimensional data was well known prior to the priority date of the present application (for example, refer to the documents JP 2001-184373 A and JP 2000-182080 A).